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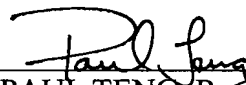
By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and abstract to correct informalities, and claims 3 and 6-9 have been amended hereby to place the claims in better form for examination. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are now pending, with claim 1 being the sole claim in independent form.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any required fees to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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